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[RG 175, Arlington Heritage Alliance](#), has the records of the AHA. [RG 23, Personal Papers of Eleanor Lee Templeman](#), holds the historical research of another local historian and author.

# Biographical Information

Dorothea E. Abbott (1921-1999) was born in Queens County, New York, and attended Edison College in Fort Myers, Florida. She married Robert E. Abbott in 1943 and was an Arlington resident from about 1960 to 1995, when she moved to Hamilton, Ohio. A self-employed historian for over twenty years, Abbott wrote several books and numerous articles, including eleven for *Arlington Historical Magazine*. Article topics include the history of individuals, buildings, and localities in Virginia, especially Northern Virginia. She was active in the Arlington Historical Society and other civic groups and was one of the founders of the Arlington Heritage Alliance. At the time of her death she was preparing to write a book about Martha Washington.

# Scope and Content

The personal papers described here are those collected and generated by Dorothea E. Abbott of Arlington, Virginia, in the course of her research about Arlington and other Virginia localities, Florida, Martha and George Washington, and other topics of interest to her. RG 91 is 12.1 linear feet.

The first six series include handwritten research notes, clippings, brochures, photographs, photocopies of newspaper and magazine articles, and drafts of her historical articles, 1950-1999. Additionally, there are numerous copies and transcripts of legal documents which originally date from the 18th through the 20th century. Most of them are copies from microfilm, and some are faded and difficult to decipher. By reading the files, researchers will be able to trace some of the sources she read in preparing her articles.

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Arlington County (Va.)

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